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Members of the Central Executive Committee of the Choson Democratic Party (CDP), at a 22 August session voted 5 to 4 that HAN Kun-cho (7281/2704/4371), one of five Supreme Commissioners, resign and that CH'OE Yak-han (1508/4766/3352), the Chief for Propaganda, be dismissed. Both HAN and CH'OE had opposed party elements who have consistently followed the policy of the Liberal Party.

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Comment. HAN Kün-cho is the party's Number Two man and ranks only behind YI Yun-yong. YI is very pro-RHEE while the purged members are anti-RHEE. HAN and CH'OE have accused YI and others of trying to make the CDP subservient to the Liberal Party.

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